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Welcome to San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, and to a warm July. A travelling exhibit of rare historic maps and other printed artifacts from the age of exploration is now open in the Maritime Museum (see below). The scow schooner *Alma* provides you the opportunity to sail the bay and learn about San Francisco's waterfront history. Tour the 1886 Glasgow-built square rigged ship *Balclutha*, and take in the many other programs described in the park's website, [www.nps.gov/safr](http://www.nps.gov/safr)

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**MAPPING THE PACIFIC COAST EXHIBIT OPENS**

Through October 31 in the Maritime Museum, Beach and Polk streets. Open daily, 10am-4pm. Free admission. Information: 415-447-5000.

Mapping The Pacific Coast: From Coronado to Lewis and Clark is a world-class exhibit of historic maps, books, and illustrations of exploration to California and the West Coast, beginning with the very first exploration of the West Coast by Europeans. This travelling exhibit includes an audio tour narrated by collector Henry Wendt. [www.mappingthepacificcoast.com](http://www.mappingthepacificcoast.com)

**SAIL ABOARD ALMA**

July 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, 1:00-4:00pm. Boards 12:30pm at Hyde Street Pier. Tickets: \$40 adults, \$30 seniors, \$20 children. Ages under six free, with adult. Information and reservations: 415-447-5000.

Haul lines to raise sails as you explore the Bay aboard the 1891-built scow schooner *Alma*. Take in dazzling views and San Francisco's riveting history: Native Americans, Spanish explorers, the Gold Rush, the Barbary Coast, Fisherman's Wharf, Alcatraz, and more! Before highways and bridges, hundreds of scow schooners plied the bay and rivers hauling goods as the "flatbed trucks" of their day. The last of her kind, *Alma* will transport you to a long ago era on this hands-on educational sailing program. Tickets reserved in advance, and purchased on day of sail from the ticket booth on Hyde Street Pier. Ticket booth opens 9:30am.

#### FLOATING FILMS SERIES: IT CAME FROM BENEATH THE SEA

Thursday, July 14, 8pm. Open seating begins 7:30pm. Aboard ferry Eureka, Hyde Street Pier. Donation: \$5. Information: 415-447-5000.

An annoyed giant octopus attacks San Francisco's waterfront in a temper tantrum of aquanomic proportions in this 1955 sci-fi thriller. Special effects by the great Ray Harryhausen. Much of it was filmed at a SF naval shipyard. "Out of primordial depths to destroy the world!" (from the original promo). Enjoy this classic in a unique waterfront setting. Refreshments will be for sale. Hosted by the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association. Proceeds help fund the association's maritime education and preservation programs. Wheelchair accessible.

#### MEET NEW PARK GUIDE LAURA DeFELICE

"After interning with the Student Conservation Association, I became interested in working for the National Park Service. As well as being a park guide, I work for the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association as an outdoor educator aboard the scow schooner *Alma*." You will find Laura on Hyde Street Pier Tuesdays through Saturdays, often leading informal programs about the park's floating collection of small craft, and working in the ticket booth.

We also welcome back summer seasonal park guides Noemesha Williams and Heather Hill.

#### LINKS

<http://www.nps.gov/safr/> San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

<http://www.maritime.org> San Francisco Maritime National Park Association, the park's nonprofit member-supported cooperating association.

<http://www.library.nps.gov> The Maritime Library catalog.

<http://www.museum.nps.gov/safr/page.htm> The Maritime museum catalog records.

<http://www.maritimelibraryfriends.org> The Maritime library's nonprofit member-supported cooperating association.

<http://www.hydestreetlivinghistory.org> The park Living History Program's volunteer created and managed website.

<http://www.mappingthepacificcoast.com> The travelling exhibit now in the Maritime Museum.

<http://www.corsair-viking.org> The San Francisco Sea Scouts, the park's neighboring partner in Aquatic Park.